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1. CHARGE MET WITH CABINET DIRECTOR VAN CAMPEN 19 JUNE
TO DISCUSS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL B AS A
FOLLOW-ON TO 12 JUNE MEETING WITH SYG CITED IN REFTEL A.

2. CHARGE PRESENTED CABINET DIRECTOR COPY OF REFTEL B
AND COVERED POINTS CONTAINED THEREIN. VAN CAMPEN NOTED
THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD US POSITION, WAS HAPPY SOME
LANGUAGE QUALIFICATION ALREADY ATTAINED, AND BELIEVED
LANGUAGE ITSELF WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE A BAR TO
SELECTION IN THIS CASE. HE DID SAY THAT AS OF 16 JUNE
CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS, HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE TEN OTHER
CANDIDATES: 2 FROM BELGIUM, 2 PORTUGUESE, 1 GREEK,
4 ITALIANS (SUPREZIO IS NOT AMONG THEM), AND 1 FROM
NETHERLANDS WHO MIGHT NOT BE A SERIOUS CONTENDER.
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(FYI: THERE WAS SOME UNCERTAINTY REGARDING A POSSIBLE
ELEVENTH CANDIDATE, FRG'S OSTERHELD, CAUSED BY A LETTER
FROM THE FRG DELEGATION UPON THEIR CANDIDATE FOR
DEP. INFRASTRUCTURE CONTROLLER'S FAILURE TO BE SELECTED.
FRG FEELS VERY STRONGLY THEY SHOULD HAVE REPRESENTATION
IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE AND SINCE OSTERHELD
WAS NOT ACCEPTED IN 1974, NOR APEL IN 1978, THEY BELIEVE

THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET ENTITLES THEM TO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT VACANCY. IS MANAGEMENT EVALUATED THIS AS NOMINATION OF OSTERHELD FOR CONTROLLER, BUT FRG DCM BOSS HAS CONFIRMED TO CHARGE THIS WAS NOT FRG INTENT AND FURTHER FRG STANDS BY ITS AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT US CANDIDATE. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD CONTINUE QUID PRO QUO FOR NAMSA GENERAL MANAGER. IS MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR LOPPENTHIEN CONFIRMS TODAY IS HAD MISINTERPRETED FRG INTENT. END FYI)

3. VAN CAMPEN PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO LEADING TO SELECTION:

A. INTERVIEWS BEGINNING O/A 26 JUNE AND CONTINUING UNTIL FIRST PART OF JULY.

B. CONSIDERATION BY ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATION TO SYG FOR DECISION BY 1 AUGUST.

4. VAN CAMPEN ALSO DISCUSSED NAMSO/NAMSA SELECTION PROCESS FOR BOARD CHAIRMAN AND NAMSA GENERAL MANAGER. HE WONDERED WHETHER US WAS PREPARED TO GO TO A VOTE ON BOTH POSITIONS. CHARGE ASSURED CABINET DIRECTOR THAT US POSITION HAD ALWAYS BEEN TO GO FOR VOTE ON BOARD CHAIRMAN AND LIKEWISE WE HAD SUPPORTED MAJORITY VOTE FOR NAMSA GENERAL MANAGER CONSISTENTLY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(FYI: WE FIND IT STRANGE THAT BOTH POSITIONS COULD BE RESOLVED NOW, SINCE WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT GENERAL MANAGER IMPASSE HAS BEEN RESOLVED NOR THAT FRENCH BOARD MEMBER HAS WITHDRAWN HIS CAVEAT THAT GENERAL MANAGER MUST BE DETERMINED BEFORE BOARD CHAIRMAN CAN BE CONSIDERED. END FYI)

5. MISSION OF COURSE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR PROMPT SELECTION BUT SCENARIO LAID OUT SEEMS BEST IS CAN COME UP WITH. GLITMAN

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